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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RICKEY EXCELS IN WRITING COMPETENCY EXAM

CHARLESTON, IL--Kirsten Rickey, daughter of Barbara Mihalas of Champaign was in the top 14 percent of those who recently took the Writing Competency Examination at Eastern Illinois University.

Of 649 EIU students who took the exam during the spring semester, Rickey was one of only eight students who achieved an outstanding score on the exam, according to Testing Services Director David Dodd.

The exam consisted of two essays, one persuasive and one expository, as well as a 50-point objective component.

A 1988 graduate of Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colo., Rickey was a junior home economics major at Eastern during the spring semester.

Eastern is a residential university with an enrollment of 10,700 on-campus students. The university has as its highest priority teaching in its classrooms and laboratories supplemented by strong academic support services.